



Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
October 16, 2013 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Meeting Summary

Members Present (including teleconference attendees):

Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission
Andrew Boone, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (San Mateo County)
Mike Costanzo, Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Alan Forkosh, Alameda County resident
Pau Goldstein, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (Santa Clara County)
Gary Helfrich, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
Bert Hill, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Carol Levine, Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Rick Marshall, Napa County Public Works Department, D4 BAC Chair
Bruce “Ole” Ohlson, East Bay Bicycle Coalition (Contra Costa County), Delta Pedalers
Emma Shlaes, representing Corinne Winter, Bay Area Bicycle Coalition

Non-Members Present (including teleconference attendees):

Beth Thomas, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Coordinator and PAC Liaison
Dan Dawson, Marin County Public Works Department
Robert Cronin, San Mateo County resident

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

A quorum was reached.

Agenda Item #2: Orders of the Day

Agenda Item #3: Review and Approval of Summary of July 2013 Meeting

Meeting notes were approved with one correction to Agenda Item #10 to include interest from Grizzly Peak Cyclists for sponsorship of the Alexander Zuckerman Bike Path.

Agenda Item #4: Review, Edit As Needed, and Adopt District 4 BAC Revised Charter

A discussion on the distribution of BAC membership representation and quorum rules resulted in a recommendation to revise the charter.

Agenda Item #5: Response from Caltrans Headquarters Division of Design to District 4 BAC Letter re. Caltrans “Understanding Bicycle Transportation” Training, Discussion of Next Steps

The BAC will respond to Caltrans Headquarters with bicycle training resources that are available. Beth will collect this information from BAC members and Caltrans staff and will research other resources such as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

Agenda Item #6: Bicycle Signal Warrants in CA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Implications for Use of Bicycle Signals for Leading Intervals, Intersection Clearances – Discussion and Adoption of Recommendation

BAC members discussed bicycle signal warrants and a recommendation to include a speed differential as a factor in determining warrant thresholds, similar to that for pedestrian signal warrants. A subcommittee will focus on recommended language on incorporating a speed differential requirement for bicycle signal warrants.

An example provided of a location that could benefit from a bicycle signal that may not meet existing warrants is southbound Skyline Boulevard at Highway 1.

Agenda Item #7: CA Highway Design Manual Standard for 5’ Setback to Class I Bike Paths

BAC members discussed the Highway Design Manual’s bike path setback requirements. There was a question on whether there was any data to back up the requirement that bike paths be set back at least 5 feet behind the curb even where the posted speed limit is less than 40 mph. Members discussed potential design solutions for bike paths at intersections and driveways, including moving paths away from intersections, markings, and signage. The discussion of proposed recommendations was to be continued via email.

Agenda Item #8: Updates on Policies/Guidance/Issues Previously Presented

No updates were made.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #10: Topics for Next Meeting, Announcements and Information Sharing

A member asked that an item be placed on the agenda regarding the routine inclusion of the shoulder in repaving projects. He said that the shoulder was not included when El Camino Real was repaved a year ago in Atherton and Menlo Park.